

Tass questions Hoover ex-aide death

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet news agency Tass hinted Wednesday that it believes there was more than an accident involved in the death of William Sullivan, former top assistant to the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Sullivan, 65, died of gunshot wounds while he was hunting deer near Sugar Hill, N.H., several weeks ago. Police

believe he was mistaken for a deer by another hunter.

Such accidents are common on the East Coast of the United States, where hundreds of thousands of hunters troop to the woods each deer season. However, the number of fatalities has been declining in recent years.

Tass speculated that it was "a strange story"

that Sullivan was killed in a hunting accident, claiming he held "files which may shed light on the circumstances of the assassination of President John Kennedy" and FBI harassment of civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

"It was recalled that up to now all witnesses who could give important testimony concerning the assassination died one

after another under mysterious circumstances," said Tass commentator Vadim Biryukov.

"A question arises whether there developed some intrigue connected with Sullivan's personality, intrigue which made him potentially a dangerous witness. Is it not because of that that Sullivan developed invisible antlers to be mistaken for a deer during this strange deer hunting?"